

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Tuesday, December 6, 2005 9:00 a.m. Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative LaJoy, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives LaJoy, Gosselin, Meyer, Casperson, Nitz, Wenke, Moore, Pavlov, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Murphy, Kathleen Law, Hood III, Gleason, Leland. (16/17)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative David Law. (1/17)

Representative Casperson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of November 29, 2005, supported by Representative Gosselin. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Chair laid SB 829 and SB 830 before the Committee:

SB 829 Allen Highways; bridges; transfer of authority to department of transportation for Mackinac bridge; repeal.

SB 830 Allen Highways; bridges; authority for operation of Mackinac bridge; clarify.

Joe Agostinelli, representing Senator Allen, spoke to the Committee regarding the provisions of SB 829 and SB 830 and answered questions from members.

Representative Casperson made a motion to report SB 829 with recommendation, supported by Representative Gosselin.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives LaJoy, Gosselin, Casperson, Nitz, Wenke, Pavlov, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Murphy, Kathleen Law, Gleason, Leland. (13/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (13/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Gosselin made a motion to report SB 830 with recommendation, supported by Representative Nitz.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives LaJoy, Gosselin, Casperson, Nitz, Wenke, Pavlov, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Murphy, Kathleen Law, Gleason, Leland. (13/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (13/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

The Chair laid HB 4889 before the Committee.

HB 4889 Pearce	Traffic control; accidents; reporting the personal driving history of highway authority employees involved in accidents to nongovernmental agencies under certain circumstances; provide exemption.
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Representative Pearce spoke to the Committee regarding HB 4889.

Jon Rice, representing the Kent County Road Commission, spoke to the Committee in support of HB 4889. Questions were answered for Committee members.

Sgt. Matt Bolger, representing the Michigan State Police (MSP), answered questions for Committee members regarding HB 4889.

Ed Noyola, representing the County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM), was present to answer questions for HB 4889 and indicated support for the bill.

Doug Novak and James Fackler, representing the Michigan Secretary of State (MSOS), were present to answer questions and indicated a neutral position by the MSOS on the bill.

Bill Zaagman, representing the Road Commission of Macomb County, submitted a card indicating support for HB 4889.

Chair LaJoy stated that the Committee will continue to work on HB 4889 and that no votes would take place at this meeting.

The Chair laid HB 5240 and HB 5241 before the Committee.

HB 5240 Palmer	Traffic control; speed restrictions; establishment of speed limits; revise procedure and limits.
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HB 5241 Palmer	Traffic control; speed restrictions; speed restriction amendments to Michigan vehicle code; amend pupil transportation act to reflect.
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Representative Palmer spoke to the Committee regarding the contents of the bills as well as a proposed amendment. Questions were answered for Committee members.

Sgt. Matt Bolger, representing the MSP, indicated support for HB 5240 and HB 5241.

James C. Walker, representing JCW Consulting and the National Motorists Association, spoke in support of the bills.

Ed Noyola, representing CRAM, spoke in support of the bills.

Chair LaJoy stated that the Committee will continue to work with the bill sponsor on HB 5240 and HB 5241.

Representative Hood made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Byrnes. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair LaJoy declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:17 a.m.

Representative Philip LaJoy, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk
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